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Dear Friends and Community Members,

We are pleased to provide you with a fall update on our long-term care (LTC) home project.

Our onsite work, as part of the site assessment activities, which began at the end of August is now completed. Thank you for your patience and understanding as we completed that work. The results of the soil, water and environmental assessments all indicate that we are able to proceed with our proposed build.

We have also been working diligently to secure a vendor to build the new home. Lakeridge Health is working in partnership with the Ministry of Long-Term Care and Infrastructure Ontario to find a qualified design/build team. We are proposing an innovative design/build process for the new 320 bed LTC home. The vendor must have experience in rapid delivery construction projects to meet the timelines set out by the Province. The home's modern design, including best practices in infection prevention and control capabilities and resident living areas, will promote the health and safety of seniors with a range of needs and abilities. We look forward to sharing additional information with you in the near future.

As part of the planning work for the project, we have already received an Enhanced Ministerial Zoning Order approval as an important first step to enable us to move ahead with the build. You can read more about it here [Ministerial Zoning Order AP Site](#).

We have heard from local residents that they are excited to see our new home coming to this community. We are delighted to be part of strengthening long-term care in Durham Region by providing additional capacity and access to high-quality LTC services faster. You will have the opportunity to learn more about this important community project and have a chance to ask questions at virtual conversation sessions planned for later this fall. These sessions and other communications tools will be used throughout the project to keep you informed and up-to-date.

Should you have questions or would like more information, please call 905-576-8711 ext. 34167 or email [AjaxLTC@lh.ca](mailto:AjaxLTC@lh.ca).

We will continue to update you on this capacity building project, which is helping us deliver on our vision, *One System. Best Health*.

Sincerely,

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